CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Image 2
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400917.001
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	12 November 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	12 November 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

"Image 2" is a printout of an image file. The composite image shows a woman's face overlaid with female genitals. The result is degrading and misogynistic. The explicit image is intended for adults and is likely to shock or disturb younger viewers and prove harmful to the development of sexual attitudes and behaviour.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, given the explicit sexual nature of the image and its degrading and misogynistic elements, the decision is reasonable, demonstrably justified and the minimum required to prevent injury to the public good.